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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR STOESSEL.

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DEAR HENRY,

THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUBS HAS DESIGNATED MAY 7-14 AS GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WEEK FOR 1978. IT PLANS TO HOLD OPENING CEREMONIES IN THE NUERNBERG OPERA HOUSE ON SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 7, AND IT HOPES VERY MUCH THAT YOU WILL DELIVER THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON THAT OCCASION. I UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAS RECENTLY AGREED TO SERVE AS AN HONORARY BOARD MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION, AND THAT HE IS ALSO BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE CEREMONIES.

THE FEDERATION IS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR THE MANY GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUBS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IT HAUB RECENTLY DECIDED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE NUERNBERG/FUERTH AREA. ITS NEW PRESIDENT, MRS. ALEXANDER H. KYRIOS, HAS WRITTEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ME THAT YOUR AGREEMENT TO BE "THE MAIN SPEAKER IN THIS PARTICULAR CITY WOULD INDEED SERVE AS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE MORE THAN 30 YEARS FO FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GERMANS AND AMERICANS."

AS AN HONORARY BOARD MEMBER MYSELF, I AM DELIGHTED TO

ENDORSE THIS INVITATION FOR YOU TO SPEAK AT THE CEREMONIES ON MAY 7. THE FEDERATION IS AN EXCELLENT AUDIENCE, AND I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ACCEPT. PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. WITH BEST REGARDS, WALT. UNQTE STOESSEL

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